

# Orchard Vale's Weekly News

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### Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Guardians

We have had such an amazing day celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. The children looked fantastic dressed in red, white and blue and we all enjoyed our picnic lunch on the field in the sunshine. We finished our celebrations with an assembly where the children watch the original VE day celebrations and sang along with the war time songs we know and love.

Year 1 and 2 had a wonderful day at the Northam Burrows/Westward Ho! this week learning all about our local environment and the animals and sea life that live on our shores. They took part in rock pooling activities and some even managed to catch a crab. The children were able to relate their classroom learning to real life experiences and this will support further learning this term.

Year 1 also attended a multi skills festival at Park School. They participated in all activities with enthusiasm and effort and were able to practice and improve their skills and knowledge within the session.

Some Year 3 and 4 children took part in Bikeability Level One training, learning how to ride their bikes safely and the basics of road safety too.

Our Year 6 children will complete their statutory assessments next week and it is extremely important that they are in school and on time everyday. If you have any problems in getting your child to school, please phone the office immediately. We have a lovely week planned for the children including breakfast and additional enrichment activities such a PE, cooking, craft and free choice. I am confident they will have a great week and enjoy themselves.



Have a wonderful weekend in the sun.

Fiona Pearce  
Headteacher

### Orchard Vale Community School

## SUMMER FAIR



As we are starting to organise the SUMMER FAIR, we are asking for the following donations:

**Books in good condition.**

**Teddy Bears.**

**Bottles eg: wine, chutney, pickled onions, squash.**

If you have any of the above items, please pass to the school office for the attention of Mrs Manley.

Details of the Summer Fair to follow.

If you would like to have a stall at the Fair, please contact Sue Manley

Parentkind  
Member Association



### Year 1 Multi Skills Festival

Wow, what a fabulous morning The Year 1 children had at the Park School Multi Skills Festival. The event was superbly run by Year 7 Sports Leaders (Some ex students of OV), lots of sporting activities were laid out and the children had an excellent time testing out their skills. The big ball challenge was certainly a highlight!



### Celebrating 80th Anniversary of VE Day

The children looked amazing in their red, white and blue today. We have all enjoyed celebrating the 80th Anniversary of VE Day by taking part in lots of fun activities, singing songs from that era and enjoyed a sunny picnic together on the field. During assembly in the afternoon we all watched films of the real VE Day celebrations.





## Years 1 and 2 visits to Northam Burrows

Wow, what a trip!!!



The years 1 and 2 children had fabulous trips to Northam Burrows on Tuesday and Thursday this week. The days began exploring the rock pools where we successfully found a number of huge crabs, shrimp, sea snails and even a small fish. We are all 'master rock-poolers'!

On the way to the Visitor Centre, we even found a washed-up shark and a huge jellyfish.

The children were a pleasure to take out of school, they behaved impeccably whilst also having an amazing time! After lunch (and ice cream YUM YUM), we explored another habitat in the sand dunes.

Highlights were leaping down the sand dunes, scoffing our delicious ice creams and bagging lots of fabulous creatures in our nets!

A fabulous time was had by all!!





# STARS OF THE WEEK

## **Mrs Youll's class**

Isabella for being a kind friend, doing good listening and a super star with tidying this week.

## **Mrs Oldfield's class**

Throughout this week many different adults have come to me to commend Harrison on his attitude, manners and also the skills he has shown on both of our school trips. At our multi-skills trip to park school on Wednesday, Mrs Grimwood and also Miss Farr mention how amazed they were with Harrisons range of skills, and how enjoyment he showed in everything he was asked to do. On Thursdays trip to Westward Ho! All the adults spoke about his wonderful manners, and how when rock pooling, Harrison was sharing the creatures he found with all the other children. All the adult commented on what a delight it was to spend the day with you Harrison. Myself, Mrs Owen and Mrs Quilter know how wonderful you are Harrison, it makes me proud to hear so many other adults saying the same. Well done buddy. You are a star. Mrs Oldfield

## **Miss Cawthorne/Mrs De-Ritis' class**

Spencer has been trying so hard in everything he does. Spencer is a phonics whizz, and he has really impressed us with his concentration in lessons. Spencer has been working hard on joining in with whole class lessons and making some fantastic choices. Well done Spencer we are really proud of you .

## **Mr Quilter's class**

My star of the week is Ellamena! Throughout the week, Ellamena has blown me away with her perseverance, kindness and enthusiasm. There has been a lot of change this week with adults in the classroom and with all the school trips in KS1, but Ellamena has shown just how mature she can be. She has shown perseverance whilst making bridges this week in DT and never gave up, no matter how hard it got. When she found something tricky, Ellamena asked for help and later went on to help other children. During the school trip, Ellamena was involved in the group discussions with our helpful rangers, helped her friends in finding various sea animals in the rock pools and consistently checked in to make sure other children were okay. I am so proud of you Ellamena, you are a superstar! - Miss Tillman x

## **Miss Huxtable's class**

My star of the week is Philippa. Philippa is always an absolute joy and despite this week having its challenges with the change in routine, Philippa has shown real resilience. Although she had a few wobbles along the way (as did we all!), she threw herself into the trips with enthusiasm and curiosity. She was especially brilliant during rock pooling, eagerly sharing her amazing knowledge and showing real excitement and an eagerness to explore. I also had the chance to show some of Philippa's writing to some teachers from different schools this week, and it was lovely to hear how impressed they were by her stamina and wonderful language choices. Philippa has grown so much over the last year and a half, and we are all incredibly proud of her! Well done, Philippa.

## **Mrs Grimwood's class**

My star of the week is Lainie. Whilst Lainie continues to find coming in in the mornings a challenge, once she has made it past that hump in the day she is doing brilliantly! I have seen Lainie grow and grow in these last few weeks and she is strengthening so well with her learning all round. Lainie is such a lovely sociable person and she has a friendly and caring manner that is so inclusive to everyone. It has been wonderful to see over time how Lainie has grown in confidence and I love seeing her more settled in school. Lainie I am so proud of the way you have kept pushing through your struggles to emerge victorious. Keep up this brilliant attitude!

# ★ STARS OF THE TERM ★

## **Mr Bayliss' class**

Lilah has had a lovely week and has shown great kindness and thoughtfulness towards others in our class. She has been especially friendly and inclusive, helping to make sure everyone has someone to play with on the playground or work with in the classroom. Lilah has also shown fantastic focus in her learning, staying on task and putting in great effort to complete her work to a high standard. Well done, Lilah! Keep up the positive attitude and your brilliant, caring nature!

## **Mrs Johnson's class**

My Star of Week is Ayden. Ayden has really impressed me this week with his energy and effort in our writing lessons. Ayden can sometimes allow himself to be distracted, but this week he has been 100% focused, completing his story planning and storyboard in record time! I feel that Ayden has shown us a glimpse of new maturity and readiness for Year 5; if he continues to show this determination in his learning, then I know he will flourish in upper key stage 2. Well done Ayden!

## **Mr Whapham's class**

Pippa has had a brilliant week, working hard across all subject areas. She always puts in 100% effort and has shown great confidence in her learning this week—putting her hand up more regularly to share her ideas. Pippa has also shown great improvement in her reading lessons, contributing more complex and well structured answers. Well done Pippa!

## **Mrs Ledger's class**

My star of the week is Logan. Logan is a lovely boy, who generally just gets on with his work without fuss. He has coped really well with the SATs revision sessions, and had embraced the challenges of the past few weeks. Logan is such a reliable and sensible member of the class, who has built some fantastic friendships with his peers. He is showing us now just how well he can do here, and will continue to do at secondary school. Well done Logan!

## **Miss Williams' class**

My Star of the Week is the wonderful Teddy. It has been a real pleasure to see the noticeable improvement in Teddy's focus and concentration during his revision sessions with Mrs. Scott. He has shown great determination to do his best, and everyone is very proud of the effort he is putting in as he prepares for his SATs next week. In the afternoons, Teddy really comes alive during the foundation subjects. His enthusiasm shines through in every lesson, and he always has something thoughtful to contribute, helping to make learning enjoyable for everyone around him. Over the past couple of years that Teddy has been in my class, he has grown and matured into a motivated and energetic young learner who clearly enjoys every part of school life. Keep up the great work, Teddy!

## **Mrs Scott's class**

My star for this week is Charlie - Charlie has shown great stamina and progress over the course of Year 5/6, and has particularly demonstrated this over the past few weeks as he has prepared for his end of KS2 assessments. Charlie is very competitive and can often put a lot of pressure on himself, but I have seen how he has grown and matured with this since I first met him, and he is now at a point in his journey where he knows how to feel and channel pressure in a healthy way, and that there is always opportunity to improve. I have no doubt that Charlie will do himself proud next week - I am certainly very proud of him. Well done, Charlie.



Tri-Reading Tournament Champ

Years 5 and 6

Congratulations to:

Lexi Pa

For reaching  
100 reads

The 100 Club

Well done

to the following children in our  
times tables challenge

Theo C Teddy

Marley Isabella

Gold Award

Lilly H

Silver Award

Hollie P James F

Bronze Award

## School Diary Dates

Mon, 19th May	Y5/6 Heatree Residential—Parent Briefing 3.30pm
Tue, 20th May	Y3/4 Sleeping with the Sharks—Parent Briefing 3.45pm to 4.15pm
Wed, 21st May	Wilcombe Wobbler Cross Country
Fri, 23rd May	Y6 and Reception—National Child Measurement
Fri, 26th to Fri, 30th May	HALF TERM
Wed, 4th June	Y5/6 Top Up Swimming Lessons
Thurs, 5th to Fri, 6th June	Y3/4—Sleeping with the Sharks
Wed, 11th June	Y5/6 Top Up Swimming Lessons
Wed, 11th June	Reception—Caffyn's Farm Visit (details to come)
Thurs, 12th June	Olympic Legacy Festival—Park School
Mon, 16th to Fri, 20th	Y5/6 Heatree Residential

**Week commencing— Monday, 12th May**

**Please see website for Vegan/Dairy and gluten free options**

### LUNCH MENU – WEEK 1

21<sup>st</sup> April – 12<sup>th</sup> May – 9<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June – 21<sup>st</sup> July – 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. – 6<sup>th</sup> Oct

Available Every Week - Wholemeal Bread, Salad Bar, Fruit, Low Fat Yoghurts,  
Milk and Water available daily. All Special Diets catered for.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Margherita pizza	Pasta Bolognese	Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding	Breaded Fish Fillet	Spanish Chicken with Diced Potatoes
	Bean Chilli & Rice	BBQ strips	Vegan Sausage Roll	Super Duper Noodles
Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings		Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	
Egg Mayo Sandwich (Wholemeal Bread)	Crispy Salmon & Salad & Mayo Wrap	Tuna & Cucumber Wrap	Ham Sandwich (Wholemeal Bread)	Sausage Roll
Pasta, Sweetcorn & Fresh Carrot Sticks	Peas, & Carrots	Roast or Mash Potato, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Chips or Pasta, Baked Beans or Peas & Tomato Ketchup	Corn on the Cob or Green Beans
Pancakes & Syrup	Fruit Jelly	Frozen Yogurt	Iced Farmhouse Cake	Banana Flapjack